THE EVENING TIMES.

FRANK A. MUNSEY.

Nobody has yet claimed that it is tem of education it would be the repossible to take a drink by telephone. According to the cartoonists, Governor Shaw will supply the wild Western wool for the Cabinet.

Mr. Bryan's comments on the Roosevelt policy seem to be coming along on the installment plan.

The peroxide press seems to think that Senator Depew could hardly have got married without its assist-

Bismarck once called the Monroe Doctrine a piece of impudence. So is a hornet; but they can both make an

The new Postmaster General is said to favor cheaper letter postage. Persons in love will like this better than anybody else.

A substitute for quinine has been discovered; but many skeptical people will not believe it will cure anything but imitation chills.

A Kentneky inventor says the earth is a wireless telephone. Maybe that is why the wise ones keep their ears to the ground so persistently.

Kipling has gone to South Africa. and Richard Harding Davis has sailed for Chile, and now the inhabitants will really have to make things hum.

One reason for the Boers' attitude

Leslie Stephens suggests that perhaps Shakespeare wrote Bacon; and as both gentlemen are dead there seems to be nothing to do but argue

Just before election the rural residents are the sterling yeomen of the Republic; the rest of the time they are apt to be yokels, jays, and hay-

Remembering that Jerome was once known as "the Judge with an ax." numerous people in New York are carefully fitting life-preservers the death of her brother. around their necks.

General Kitchener has announ his fear that the casualties in the lat-est engagement were heavy. There are times when it is most convenient his fear that the casualties in the latare times when it is most convenient not to know too much.

It has not taken long to demon strate the fact that during President cal schemes to any great extent.

If Emperor William contemplates

The Chinese Government is said to want an American adviser at \$15,000 a year. This is one of those jobs which a great many men will think they want very badly until they have tried it a day or two.

It is said that babies are sa ing lap-dogs as drawing-room nets in London. The influence of this fashion may be good for the drawingrooms, but it is rather hard on the

It is said that there is a key-collecting fad among society girls. They collect the keys of rooms which they have occupied at hotels. If a society of cracksmen were to do that, now, it would seem entirely different.

Seventy members of the London Academy have each painted a picture as a coronation present to King Edward. It is to be hoped that every member of every musical society will not insist on composing and playing street, were at home to a number of call-for him a type for him a tune.

Faults of Speech.

Somebody has written to a New York paper commenting on the frequency with which children educated, or supposed to be educated, in the public schools of that city, assault the English language with bad grammar, such as "I seen," and "he don't." mar, such as "I seen," and "he don't." is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. It may be stated broadly that what abel, of 621 K Street, where she will be pleased to see her friends. is true of New York is true of pretty much every other American city, in this respect. The correspondent above referred to thinks it would be a good thing if the child were made to stand in the corner every time he committed such a solecism, and then he would remember the proper combination of the parts of speech.

There is sense in this proposition, and it is an undeniable fact that not half enough attention is paid, in the average school, to "English as she is spoke" by the pupils. The result is that even those who come from families where correct English is spoken, become slipshod either through association with the children of illiterates, or through the natural indolence of humanity, for correct speech is not to be acquired without some drill and care.

The trouble probably is that the teachers have altogether too much to do to pay much attention to anything which is not on the programme. It is not possible, when one must push a class of fifty through a certain course of study in a given time, to stop every member of that class every time a mistake in grammar is made, and inflict a penalty therefor. The consequence is that most people. even when they are fairly well edu cated, speak more or less incorrectly, and whatever purity of language may be theirs has been the result of selfdiscipline after they have arrived at years of discretion. In the ideal syssult of training given so early as scareely to be remembered at all.

Purify the Potomae Water. One of the first and most important luties resting upon the municipal authorities is the preservation of public health. Real municipal power in the District of Columbia has been delegated to Congress. It follows that the law-making body is ultimately responsible for local conditions due to a lack of money for the installation

f improvements. Anyone who has been driven by thirst to the use of the unfiltered liquid which has been served through the Washington water mains for a long time pest appreciates the crying

need of purification. Clay and sand have mixed with the water and settled in the service pipes n such quantities that it is problematical whether there will ever be improvement except through artificial

The great need of the District to lay is filtration. It is natural to supose that dirty water contains germs is well as mud and that it is a menace to the health of the Capital. Filtration plans have been on foot here for some time, but without funds they will never be consummated.

Proposed retrenchment in the mater of District appropriations seems to put a quietus on the project for purer water. If the demands for betdoubtless is that they cannot see any ter facilities in other directions are balance of power in South Africa in to be sacrificed to an apparently unwhich they would not be squeezed reasonable spirit of economy, it is difficult to be optimistic on the prospect for filtration.

Modern devices will enable us to have Potoinee water comparatively free from pulverized real estate and

acing germs. With Congress lie the power to provide them and the responsibility for results that may follow if filtration

PERSONAL NOTES ABOUT WASHINGTON PEOPLE.

facilities are refused.

Mrs. William G. Boyd will not be at

Mrs. Redwood Vandergrift, 1629 Twentyfirst street, has returned from a visit to

Mrs. William F. Holtzman and Miss Holtzman will be at home January 11 through to get it."

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Whitaker, of 539 Roosevelt's term the White House Florida avenue northwest, entertained a will not be cluttered up with politi- party of young people, classmates of their daughter Helen, Friday evening. The evening was spent in games, music and danc-If Emperor William contemplates starting the concert of the Powers in rag-time, he should consider what is liable to happen about two in the morning when the razors come out.

Among those present were the Misses Annie Galloway, C. G. Root, A. Keemil, L. Keemil, Ethel Croxton, Julia Lay, Edith Whitaker and Messrs. E. Johnson, E. Ballinger, C. Koss, R. Croxton, H. Shipler, Wallace Whitaker and William Whitaker.

> Mrs. William Bainbridge Hale has returned from Grassdale, Va., and will can never keep anything to himself, "I've bavid W. Taylor, at the Navy Yard."
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> "Who while the growing the man who can never keep anything to himself, "I've had enough of it."

Mrs. E. D. Anderson of 2813 Fourteenth Street, will be at home to her friends Fridays after January 1.

Mrs. Willoughby Sprigg Chesley will

J., is spending the holidays with Mrs. late." Edwin B. H. Tower. Mrs. and Miss McCahill who have re-

cently returned from Europe, are located at the Cairo. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jacobi, of 615 P

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Loranz announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Bessie Starr Emmert, to Mr. Harry Fran

Mrs. Ella W. Matchette, of Greenville,

Ohio, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Turner, of Q Street. Mrs. Max Goldsmith, of New York city,

The Junior Bachelor Club gave a din-

ner at its club room Friday evening. Addresses were made by Mark A. Woodell, Emil R. Glass, Edward Zink, George Channing, and Charles Doran. Judge J. J. Hill, of this city, was elected an hon-The Rosebud Club gave its first ball of

the season at Odd Fellows' Hall Thursday night. Among those present were Misses Isabelle V. Greene, Carrie V. Shipley, Alice Fletcher, of Baltimore, Md.; Marie Eckstein, Geneva Walker, Ioala Dickin-son, Vashti Turley, Agnes Merriweather, Nellie Merriweather, Zullikah Dixon, Nellie Merriweather, Zullikah Dixon Rosa Carter, Mamie Philipps, Ethel Bruce Helen Cooper, Minette Williams, an Messrs. William H. Claxton, William All mond, of Philadelphia, Chester H. Turley, Frank Nickens, Walter Walker, Pember-ton Cox, Eugene Peebles, William Coston, Charles Jones, Clymer Cox, John Wright, son Lewis, George Richardson, Walter H. Grimshaw, and Charles Evans,

The Bohemians will observe the annual custom of New Year calling in their usual way. The club is composed of the following members: Newton Grey, Arthur Boswell, Frank Boswell, Clarence Bateman, Joseph Herman, Charles Rick-etts, Claud Gallagher, and George Byrne.

Miss Gertrude Ricksecker, of Canal over, Ohio, is the guest of Mrs. John Walton Steward, of Paterson, N. J., who is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Philip N. Deig, of 119 B Street

ALONG THE SKIRMISH LINE.

"Do you believe ta accepting the in-"I don't see what else there is to do except to let it accept me."

The difference between affection affectation is two letters and a whole dictionary full of epithets.

It is hard to convince some people that he decline of the stage is not due to the fact that it has declined their services.

"I feel," said the ambitious suitor, that the fire of genius burns within my oul, and that you would be my inspir-"The long and short of it is." inter-

upted the matter-of-fact maiden, "you want me to be the bellows for the fire of genius, and I don't think I should like it." "The metto of the rising American literary man is Excelsior!" exclaimed the

enthusiastic president of the literary "Perhaps that is why we have so much stuffed literature," replied the cynical

It is a curious thing and not very flatpraise a man's judgment and discretion

"He laid his plans deep." That explains it. He hadn't time to lig 'em up when they were needed."

"Gilpin declares his paper is going to be the party organ." "And does he intend to be the monkey?

The History of a Battle. At the other end of town:

'What's the row?" Boy (panting): "Big rigt down on de outh Side! Race war! T'ousand people

Ten squares from the conflict

"What's the trouble down there?" "Aw, the whole alley's out tryin' to lean up the neighborhood. More'n a hundred of 'em. Ambulances been there from the hospital." In the next street

"Has there been a race war down here?" "How should I know? I believe I did hear some hollerin' awhile ago." In the alley:

What was the fight about?" "Carolina Jim got drunk en scrapped wid er white man, en de perlice done

"I believe I have found out why Welsh rabbit gives a person such dreams." "Why?"

"It is probably full of Welsh dialect and body could dream comfortably in that." Virtue may be its own reward somemes, but contertment generally is.

"What do you suppose is meant by the isdom of the serpent? "Keeping out from under foot when you

ught to be stepped on." "They say revenge is sweet.

"How are you these days, Uncle Si-

"Po'ly, po'ly, son. I ain't got not to say no pain, but I been feelin' so well I know I'm goin' ter be sick befe' long."

"Yes," said the Wall Street broker 'we are not entirely unliterary in our tastes in the Street. For instance, yesterday several of us spent nearly the whole day discussing Lamb."

"You can talk all you've a mind to

"Why, what's the matter? "Well, you know I have always judged people more or less by their voices. The other day I got a call on the telephone Miss Adelaide L. Loewel, of New York from somebody up on Connecticut Ave city, is visiting Miss Rose Bruckheimer, nue, and the voice was sweet enough to make you dream of peaches and cream I was a real sweet, coaxing kind of a voice. Miss Gertrude Sallade, of 3415 Morgan I looked the house up and found there Avenue, has returned home from a visit to her friend. Miss Haddon, of Abbeville, S. C. Both young ladies visited the Charleston Exposition. troduction just on the strength of that

be at home January II and 25 at 1214

Twelfth Street northwest.

Well, she was long reals old the least one in the large of the large o Miss Jessie F. Crouse, of Freehold, N. she was about the color of good choco-

A Plea for the Potato

(Brooklyn Eagle.) potato is a rebuke to science. Let preserved jokes from our papers. It may be that, by allowing it to enjoy a deserved rest, it will take fresh heart. Turn it loose into the lots and let it be just an ordinary weed for awhile. Cease from manuring and watering and stimulating and forcing, and let the species lie fallow for a bit; or, find new soils and climates for it. Confer it upon Luzon and Greenland. Then, maybe, our posterity will continue to enjoy the gustatory delights which pertain to this civitance.

If the American workingman, in whatis getting wages that will enable nim to do so, there are plenty of oppor-unities without the creation of service ension founds, and the assumption that aterference of Government or of employers to compel him to take proper care of House to pass his bill granting thirt

The Shadow of Annexation.

If the Cuban Republic has been so weak ened by convulsions preceding its birth that its vitality shall be exhausted in the ipitate the question of annexation upon the people of the two countries in an ct that will leave neither any liberty

Halter Versus Precept. (Memphis Scimitar.)

Another Philippine province is to be ut back under martial law, the native ficials appointed by the Americans havserving the insurgents, like thers in similar circumstan others in similar circumstances. Whe will our authorities learn that the half s more convincing than precept in deal-ng with the most treacherous of all

Setting a Good Example.

(Philadelphia Record.) In the late controversy Argentina and Chile have both given proof of modera-Mrs. A. Hart and Mrs. William M. Bass will be at home Thursdays in January and february, 2005 Kalorama Avenue, Washington Heights. Thursday, January 2, they will have with them Mrs. A. D. Frank and Mrs. Gilbert Hart, of Baltimore.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

"There is little or no ermine in stock in Washington," said a leading fur dealer, "I doubt if there is enough in stock in the whole country to make a coronation market clear. There will be more ermine at the coronation of King Edward than has ever been seen at one place before in the history of the world. Up to coronation week it will be the most valuable fur in the world, and any that has actually been worn in a coronation robe will continue to be very valuable, but thereafter it will drop in price and decline in fashion till another coronation

"When any article of limited supply and special demand for limited occasion has a run, it gets out of the general field and loses its place. Fashion crowns another favorite and exiles its former queen Who wears beaver now? Even sealskin has lost its grip. It became too common, and now that it is becoming scarce the prices refuses to soar, because the public taste has passed on to other furs. The variety is endless. I:lue, silver, and black fox, marten and sable, sea otter, and Persian lamb head the lists, but there ering to mankind that when we want to are forty furs which have wide sale. Washington will never make a heavy deand general ability we say he has horse mand for furs. It is too far South. But it wants to have the best of what is go ing. Furs will became cheaper in time, as it is being discovered that numerou fur-bearing animals can be bred in cap tivity at a huge profit."

> "Good boots, good gloves, a good hat and good neckwear, and a woman is well dressed, no matter how cheap her gown. is the maxim of a young Washington matron who makes the slenderest of incomes suffice. "These are the points pital this morning that the young man which every woman should give most care. Broken-down heels will ruin the effect of a hundred dellar gown. Poor or solied and frayed gloves are the height of untidiness. Neekwear can easily be kept in order. The tat is the most difficult problem. Few comen ought ever to trust themselves to but a hat alone. Take along someone with the right artistic temperament, a man preferably, who has the courage of his convictions. Reduce your courage of his convictions. Reduce your choice flown to three. Then take your worst enemy for a secend visit of inspection and pick out the hat she says.
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> The properties of the convictions of the says are convicted from the distilling business a year ago. Young Pinovar, who is only twenty-one, and the large readers to the converted from the distilling business a year ago. Young Pinovar, who is only twenty-one, and the large readers are the says and the large readers. is a perfect fright on you. By this means you not only get a hat which suits your style but your enemy will go home and have a sick headache."
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> Toung Finovar, who is only twenty-one, made the leap yesterday. He jumped from business. Mr. a style but your enemy will go home and the water. He was picked up by a passing tug-sud taken to the hospital.
>
> Henry C Adar

F Street, between Tenth and Fifteenth, from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, is most characteristically America theroughfare in the world. Breadway is everwhelmingly typical of New York metropolitan, self-contained and self-sufficient Walnut Street is Philadelphian and constrained. State Street in Chicago is too crowded with shoppers and too mixed to please the fastidious eye. But F Street is national, typical and harmoni-Well, it ought to be, to take the taste Fruthful and beautiful. There is no sinout of one's mouth after all one has to go gle Washington type of the heautiful worn an. There are a hundred types, and the intermediate blendings of them all. They come from every State, all beautiful, Nee England girls with views, West sta girls with ideas, Scuthern girls with pinions. They are inches taller than their grandmothers were and pounds Yes, and their feet are a size longer and wider than fifty years ago.

edmit it privately

A SHIP TRUST FORMING. Purpose of Organization Is Strength-

ening of Lake Rates, CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- Lumbermen and shippers next year will have to reckon robe. The English demand has swept the with a vessel trust that is being organized for the strenghtening of rates.

The combination of vessels is to be known as the Lumber Transit Company, and it will be capitalized at \$2,500,000. A charter is now being obtained under the laws of the State of Maine, by a committee which was appointed at a meeting in Detroit some weeks ago. Fifty or sixty ships will be the strength of the trust fleet at the outset The details of the project have all been

purchased by the trust will be paid for artly in stock and partly in bonds. The valuations will depend largely upon Inand Lloyds Vessel Register, although that nsurance book will not be accepted as final in determining what pay vessel owners are to receive for their property. A general meeting of all vessel owners interested in carrying lumber on the lakes will be held in Detroit next month, immediately after the meeting of the Lake

Carriers' Association. Each owner of tonnage carrying lumper will be invited to this conference, when the plans for the trust will be laid before them, and they will be asked to ome into the organization.

PINOVAR WILL RECOVER. The Young Man Who Jumped From Brooklyn Bridge Doing Well.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-John Samuel Pinovar, the young man who leaped from Brooklyn Bridge yesterday, will probably survive the effects of his dive.

COUNTERFEITERS IN FLORIDA. Government Officers Raid a Large

Plant in the Hammocks, TALLAHASSEE, Fis., Dec. 20. - Captain J. M. Wright, United States Secret Service agent, in company with Deputy Maisind F. Walker, has made a successful raid on a family of alleged counter-feiters in Taylor county, with the result that J. Mutphy is now in jail at Bronson, Fla. in default of a \$1,600 bond, and his mother. Mrs. Maytha Ann Hall, is out on a \$250 bond. Mrs. Sarah Frances Green, a daughter of Mrs. Hall, who was also arreated was released.

ire Department has found, in a long time in the South. Enough metal was found with the counterfeiting plant for making anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 of bogus mency. Taylor county is in the swamps of Ffortida, and the place where the money making establishment was discovered was fity miles from any railroad. Little of the opurious coin was massed as the Sathe epurious cein was passed, as the Se-cret Service men discovered it before the plant had an opportunity of turning out and circulating any large amount.

FCISI ATODS

Judging from the number of bills to | ment in favor of adding the telegraph to introduced in the House since the epening | growing. day of Congress, it is very evident that "Well, she was forty years old, with a Texas, who has been investigating the a new building for the Department of bers-is for the Speaker to appoint a spebelong to any one political party, and The potato is a rebuke to science. Let it be hoped that a vegetable about which fond memories cling is not to pass into history and be known merely to our descendants by petrified specimens from the backyard strata of our towns and by preserved jokes from our papers. It may on the subject in the form of a resolution.

Self-Reliance Better Than Pensions. There is one class of employes connected with the Postoffice Department that does not enjoy an annual leave of absence. It's ever position he may be, is inclined to lay up something in store for a rainy day beg remain shows. For some reason these faithful workers have been overlooked by Congress. Representative Pearre of Marymation, and accordingly he will ask the House to pass his bill granting thirty editable to the common sense or ability days' leave to the clerks and employes of the mailbag repair shops.

"The poorer paid of Unele Sam's em ployes," said Mr. Pearre, "have really no privileges. I think the men and women who labor in the repair shops of the postoffice are entitled to an annual leave just as much as the \$1,800 clerk. And I believe when the matter is presented to the House it will be granted.

Probably the first step to be made by Congress toward Government ownership of the telegraph lines will be the con sideration and passage of the Corliss bill to authorize the construction, operation and maintenance of telegraph cables between the United States and Hawaii, Guam and the Philippine Islands. Mr. Corliss has devoted much time to the study of Government ownership of the do not come readily to his lips. Not long telegraph and is satisfied that when the ago he was called upon to admire the new question is fully presented to the House it will receive favorable attention. There eems to be no doubt about the early passage of his bill authorizing the construction of the cable by the Government. Those who advocate Government ownership of the telegraph lines say that when the Corliss bill comes up it will be an easy matter to amend it by inserting a clause providing for the purchase of the ah-to have to have an exceedingly in-

urge that they be located right here near the Capitol. I would like to have all the Covernment department buildings on Capitel Hill, within a stone's throw of the Capitol and the Congressional Library. It would be unique, and it would not only add to the beauty of the National Capital, but would make the handsomest and grandest spot to be found in the world. Perhaps the time will come as the business of the departments expands when my clan will be adopted and all future Government buildings of any size and pretence will be erected in the immediate vi-

cinity of the Capitol." Mr. Sims is a member of the Distric Committee and he takes a lively interest in all measures that have for their ob

Of the members who represent agriculural constituencies none is more popular than Representative Gordon of Ohio He comes very near knowing personally every farmer in his district, and when the farmers want garden seed they never hesitate to write Mr. Gordon, as they know he will promptly attend to their wants. Mr. Gordon is a member of the Committee on Agriculture. He will have omething to say on the "Oleo" bill when

In this Congress Senator Heitfeld will devote a little more time to the necds of the District than heretofore, because ne has been placed on the District Com mittee. The Idaho Senator has always regarded with favor all local measures He wants the Capital to be made the most beautiful city in the world, and he is in hearty sympathy with the proposed park improvement plan, which will com before Congress early in the session.

Although he is always gracious and po lite to women, yet Chairman Theodore E. Burton, of the Rivers and Harbors Committee, is ill at ease when he is at a social function where they predominate. The pleasant nothings of society conversation baby that had come to a young Cleveland couple whom he had known for many

"And what do you think of her?" asked

existing telegraph systems. The senti- telligent way of opening its mouth."

Every Day Stories of the Workings and Workers of the Departments.

carefully worked out. The boats to be now occupies a position of great responsi-bility. In 1885 Mr. Wood formed his first connection with the secre order for which he has so faithfully labored during the past sixteen years. From the start he has been untiring in his efforts for the good of the order, having been one of the founders of Federal City Lodge No. 20. He has filled all the elective offices of the subscriptors. subordinate as well as the grand lodge of the District until he now holds the highest, being Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia. In this capacity Mr. Wood will on Thursday, January 2, in-

Another enthusiastic worker in the

H. A. Taylor, Assistant Secretary of the

Henry C. Adams fills the position of Staistician in the Interstate Commerce Comalssion. The work of this office consists largely of furthering the best interests of nterstate commerce, and must be judged almost entirely from statistics, so any error that may be made in the keeping of these records must naturally be a great detriment to the successful administra-tion of the office. Mr. Adams is a care-ful, painstaking and efficient employe, whose sole aim is to keep his records neat, correct and free from erasing. Mr.

Adams was born in Iowa and appointed from the Second Congressional district of Michigan. n charge of fish culture and is connected with the Commission of Fish and Fishries. He is a native of South Carolina and was appointed from the Seventh Congressional district of that State. Mr. Ravenel has been connected with the Fish Commission for a number of years.

One portion of Iowa's quota of appointnents is filled by Charles E. Baldwin, who was appointed from the Fourth Congressional district of his native State. He is a statistical expert connected with the Department of Labor, and is today con-sidered one of the best statisticians in the overnment employ. His duties are to eep a strict record of the number of per-ons employed at different trades and me-henical professions, the chanical professions; the number that is employed in factories, workshops, and at other industries which would be consid-ered under the head of labor. He must

Among the different positions in the regulate, control and to suppress trusts the Postoffice Department is constantly tion of the person to fill it must depend entirely upon the abilities of the applicant day of Congress, it is very evident that some attempt will be made to pass an anti-trust law. Representative Ball of Texas, who has been investigating the trust question, believes that the way to get a proper bill before the Houne—a bill get a proper bill before the Houne—a bill in the buildings are authorized. I shall of telegraph operators there who can be relied upon on all occasions is Joseph N. Monroe, who halls get a proper bill before the Houne—a bill in the buildings are authorized. I shall of telegraph operator in the Weather Bureau. One of the operators there who can be relied upon on all occasions is Joseph N. Monroe, who halls get a proper bill before the Houne—a bill in the buildings are authorized. I shall of telegraph operators there who can be relied upon on all occasions is Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be taken that they be sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily, and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls sent and received daily and in each case are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls are much be relied upon on all occasions in Joseph N. Monroe, who halls are much be reli great care must be taken that they ions. The Weather Bureau must send but bulletins whenever there are any signs of an approaching storm, tornado, clone, frost, heavy fall of rain or snow and likewise. Sometimes a storm gathe so quickly that the Bureau must bri into play all its ingenuity in order

nto play all its ingenuity in order to the Deiters all the region that the storm is expected to visit.

Right here the telegraph operator must return. show his ability to handle his instr for thousands of dollars' worth of prop-erty may be lost if his messages are late

an be charged to him. or at the Government Hospital for the Insane. He was born in Ohio, and yet he eceived his appointment from the Dis-cict of Columbia. Mr. Powell's duty is to see that the inmates are clothed properly.

The hospital is often inspected by officers appointed for that purpose. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Powell has been there a long time, the inspection ers have never as yet found fault with his department.

The position of chief clerk in the office

of the auditor for the Postoffice Department is held by John B. Sleman. He has occupied this responsible post for a number of years and has filled the same to the entire satisfaction of his superiors and to the great improvement and advant-age of the service under his charge. He has charge of all division corresponde; he opens, reads and assigns all leters received to their proper divisions. t comes also within his province to read and prepare for signature and press copy all letters sent out. Mr. Sleman super-vises the duties of the executive clerk and has charge of the record of attendance brate his thirtieth birthday in April, and has charge of the record of attendance of clerks and employes. He prepares requisitions for supplies, except those affecting the appropriations for the bureau, and in the same manner has supervision of furniture and carpets and all repairs thereof, and of the carpenter shop and of the laborers, charwomen, and hundreds of other things. Mr. Sleman's executive ability has often been commented upon. of the laborers, charwomen, and hundreds of other things. Mr. Sleman's executive ability has often been commented upon. He is an untiring worker and has been promoted a number of times for his efficiency and faithful discharge of his duckets. After doing the applicants. After doing the rest of the applicants. After doing the rest of the applicants.

T. B. Harrison is one of the section chiefs of the Division of Statistics connected with the Agricultural Department.

| Keeper, he made application for active duty and received his appointment several weeks later. He was assigned to the First precinct, and after soing several the proud mother, holding up the little one, who was staring at the Congressman unabashed.

"Ah," said Mr. Burton, casting about for something pleasant to say, "it seems ah—to have—to have an exceedingly intelligent way of opening its mouth."

This division through the agency of about proposed about proposed and intelligent way of opening its mouth."

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Probably no Government bureau contains among its working force as many members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as the Pension Office. Among this number John H. Wood, assistant chief of the record division, holds a foremost place as an ardent and unselfish worker. Appointed from Indiana January 21, 1882, to a clerkship in the Penskyn Office, he has steadily worked his way up through many successive grades until he now occupies a position of great responsition. Under Mr. Harrison's guidance the affairs of his division are kept going in a systematic manner.

Orange S. Firmin is the assistant chief of the paymaster's division of the Auditor's Office in the War Department, which position he has held for many years past. Mr. Firmin was born in Richfield, Ohio, in 1841. A few years afterward he removed, with his parents, to Massachusetts, where he received a common school education. At the age of seventeen he went to live in Rockville, Conn., and there learned the stall the newly elected officers of Covenant Lodge No. 13, Georgetown. Mr. Wood is also an active member in the two auxiliaries of Cdd Fellowship — the Encampment and Patriarchs Militant. trade of art designing in woolen fabrics. served for three years. After being mustered out he attended a commercial Another enthusiastic worker in the cause of Odd Fellowshiup in the Pension Office is found in Nathaniel W. Bridges, of the old war and navy division of the Pension Office. Much of his spare time is given to the labor incident to the business of this great fraternal organization. Mrs. Bridges is also a co-laborer with her husband, being a member of the Rebekahs for many years past. Mrs. Bridges was recently elected Noble Grand of Dorcas Lodge, No. 4, Order Rebekahs. he is also a member of Mount Vernon Chapter, R. A. M., Washington Command-Mr. N. W. Halley, of the eastern division of the Pension Office, has returned to his desk after an enforced absence of the desk after an enforced absence of the United States Treasury Department Beneficial Association since ankle.

His physicians apprehended serious consequences from the occurrence, and his many friends are now congratulating him on his speedy recovery.

Bepartment Beneficial Association since its organization, and been its secretary of said board for the past seven years. He is also a member of Burnside Post No. 8, G. A. R., and of the Union Soldiers' Alliance.

August Schoenborn, is a draughtsman Treasury Department, left yesterday on in the office of the Architect of the Capi-an extended trip through New Mexico and tol. Changes are continually being made adjacent territories. There are a number of personal friends in the party, and the trip is partly for pleasure and partly for business. Mr. Taylor will be gone for to draw up the plans for these improve-ments and changes. He was born in Ger-many and was educated and graduated from some of the well-known universities there. After coming to this country he supplemented his education by a great deal of practical experience in his line of business.

Clifford Howard, assistant secretary to the Board of District Commissioners, has been absent from his desk for several days finishing up the period of his annual leave. It is understood that Mr. Howard has been at work upon several new stories which are to add laurels to his fame and dollars to his bank account.

Hart Momsen, chief of the division of griculture of the Census Office, is said to be one of the busiest men in the bureau. Mr. Momsen not only has charge of the force at the main building at First and B Streets northwest, but he has charge of the clerks in the Union Building, on G Street. Mr. Momsen has played football from his boyhood, and now, while lu is engaged in an official position, there is nothing he likes better than to see a hard contested game of football or something as athletic. He says that a man to get health must deal in ath'attes to a great extent. It is very seldom that he will ride in the street cars, perferring to walk and get the benefit of the fresh air.

Chief Clerk Arthur Kemp, of the Police Department, is busy just now arranging for the annual sale of unclaimed and con fiscated property, which has fallen into the hands of the police during a year past. Mr. Kemp is an energetic man, ered under the head of labor. He must also be acquainted with the advantages which one industry has over another; figure out the percentage which each class ands of dollars. Property taken from other minor records which must also be goods not claimed by their owne accurately kept. through the hands of Clerk Kemp. Thus he is responsible for bicycles, or dia-monds, or other jewelry at various times.

Private Mancosos, of the Eighth police precinct, who has been on sick leave for several days, has returned to his post. He was suffering from acute trouble several weeks ago, and did not

Detective Sergeant Parham, of Headperiod of illness, covering several month Parham returned to duty at an opportune time several days ago when was plenty for every member tective force to do. With the

Major Sylvester and Lieutenant Moore, thousands of dollars worth of propty may be lost if his messages are late not correct. Mr. Mouroe's record is an on that seore. No damage from flure to transmit or transmit correctly in be charged to him.

Amiss, of No. 1 station, where Kittle was sent in the patrol wagon, relieved the sent in the patrol wagon, relieved the special policeman of his badge and revolver temporarily. Final action looking to a disposition of the case has yet to be determined upon. No charges have yet been brought against Kittle by his superiors, although the fact have hear reriors, although the facts have been reported to Headquarters.

While Day Stationkeeper Holmes, of the First precinct station, is having a few days' leave, Policeman Washington Sanford is doing clerk duty. Mr. Sanford is quick with the pen, and whenever there is clerical work to be done outside the figures helps matters along nicely. San-for not infrequently makes out the quar-terly report for Headquarters.

lice precinct, is the youngest and probably the best liked sergeant connected with the local force. In point of age Sergeant Doyle is the youngest man that ever held a sergeantcy in this city. He will celebrate his thirtieth birthday in April, and one year and nine months' duty as station